

**REMARKS**

Applicants thank the examiner for the courtesies extended to the applicants' representative during the personal interview granted on April 25, 2005, in which the examiner agreed that the above amendments overcome Haun et al.

Claims 1-11, 13-23 and 25-17 are all the claims pending in this application. Claims 12 and 24 are cancelled. Claim 27 is added by this amendment and finds support at least on page 15, line 16 to page 16, line 7 of the specification. Selected claims are amended to further clarify the invention. Reconsideration and allowance of all the rejected claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

**REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e)**

Claims 1-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Haun *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,751,658). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection on the following basis.

Independent claim 1 recites, among other things, the features of obtaining hardware information from the device, wherein the hardware information includes at least one of device type, storage device size, and amount of random access memory and applying an imaging server policy, wherein the imaging server policy comprises at least one rule that is applied to the device based on the hardware information. Independent claim 13 recites, among other things, the features of hardware information gathering means for obtaining hardware information from the device, wherein the hardware information includes at least one of device type, storage device size, and amount of random access memory and storage means for storing an imaging server policy wherein the imaging server policy comprises at least one rule that is applied to the device based on the hardware information.

In an exemplary embodiment, the image server may proceed down the rules or other criteria that may be based on the hardware characteristics of the device and, upon finding a matching rule or criteria, the image associated with the rule or criteria may be applied to the device (see page 8, lines 8-12 of the specification). The rules based or other system may be implemented to enable one or more workstations that are booting to

find the image and have the image applied (see page 2, lines 15-18 of the specification). An imaging client may determine the hardware (and/or other) details of the workstation (e.g., CPU, RAM, disk size, NIC cards, etc.) (see page 8, lines 14-16, and page 17, lines 14-17 of the specification). Matching the set of conditional rules to an image object allows the image server to provide an image to one or more devices that have the appropriate hardware (see page 8, lines 16-19 of the specification).

Haun et al. discloses a bootup process wherein the NC server receives a boot request and determines if the request is from a known NC client based on the NC client's hardware address (see Haun et al., col. 9, lines 51-54). If known, boot information is returned to the NC client and the NC client sends a file transfer request to the NC server specifying the bootfile identified in the NC server's Bootup reply (see Haun et al., col. 10, lines 4-13). Haun et al. is deficient, however, because it does not teach or suggest that the bootfile is selected based on hardware information of the client that includes at least one of device type, storage device size, and amount of random access memory.

Since Haun et al. neither discloses nor suggests the invention claimed in independent claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-11 and 25 or the invention claimed in independent claim 13 and its dependent claims 14-23 and 26, these claims clearly are not anticipated by Haun et al.'s disclosure. For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of these claims are requested.

Regarding new claim 27, this claim recites the features of obtaining hardware information corresponding to the device, wherein the hardware information includes at least one of device type, storage device size, and amount of random access memory, defining one or more file sets to include selected ones of the plurality of files, identifying, based on the at least one rule, the at least one image that is to be placed on the device and identifying, based on the at least one rule, the one or more file sets to be inserted in the at least one image. Thus, one base image may be support various different type of devices through selection of the appropriate file sets. These features are not taught or suggested by Haun et al.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Dated: April 25, 2005

Respectfully submitted,



Sean L. Ingram

Registration No.: 48,283

CUSTOMER NO. 00909

PILLSBURY WINTHROP SHAW PITTMAN LLP  
P.O. Box 10500  
McLean, Virginia 22102  
703-905-2000